

Attorney Docket No. 03/071 K  
Customer No. 38263

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.*  
Application No.: 10/568,381  
Filed: February 14, 2006  
For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

Group Art Unit: 1794  
Examiner: E. S. WOOD  
Confirmation No.: 1036

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 17, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 31, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to August 31, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 6 of this paper.